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## **PATENT**

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In re Application of

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated by 182 2003, now due to expire October 18, 2003, be extended for three month(s) and set expire on December 18, 2003.

Please charge the extension fee of \$420.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

Respectfully submitted,

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